

ANTARCTICA - ROALD AMUNDSEN | VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY: NORTHBOUND



INTRODUCTION

Start your 19 day journey in Chile's exciting capital, Santiago, before heading down to Chilean Patagonia where you will board your vessel bound for Antarctica. Cross the Drake Passage and enter the realm of the wild where you will see wildlife such as penguins, whales and seals. We will then make our way slowly up through Patagonia and Chile's stunning fjords. This is a unique opportunity to experience Antarctica and Patagonia in one expedition. You will have the chance to experience ice cruising and shore landing in Antarctica, the opportunity to see Torres del Paine National Park and you will see Cape Horn in summer.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Santiago, Chile

The capital of Chile is exciting and diverse. There is a lot to discover, from the Andean glaciers at the city borders, to tall mountains and skyscrapers, to quiet parks, colonial architecture, bohemian quarters and the fast-flowing Mapacho River. Your adventure starts with an overnight hotel stay here.



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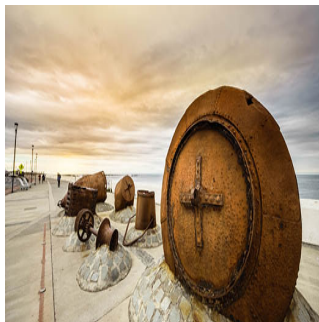
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DAY 2: Embarking on the Expedition

You fly early in the morning to Punta Arenas, where the hybrid powered expedition ship MS Roald Amundsen is docked, ready for your expedition cruise to Antarctica.



DAY 3: The Drake Passage - Day 3 & 4

We sail through the scenic Beagle Channel and over the legendary Drake Passage. Onboard, the Expedition Team starts the lecture program, giving you information about Antarctica's fantastic animals, geology and history. Enjoy the fresh sea air and look out for wildlife from the deck.



DAY 5: Pure Wilderness - Day 5 to 8

Home to ninety per cent of the world's ice, Antarctica never fails to amaze and astound. In winter sea ice virtually doubles the size of the continent. In summer, it is a breeding ground for millions of penguins, whales and seals. This is a continent dedicated to peace, science and tourism that has evolved through millennia without human interference. Therefore, we adhere to very strict environmental guidelines and rules. We want to leave nothing but footprints and take nothing but pictures! Antarctica is a true wilderness, so local conditions will dictate our final itinerary. We will attempt landings at several sites in the South Shetlands and on the Antarctic Peninsula with the aim of showing you the incredible diversity of landscapes and rich wildlife on display. At every opportunity, our expert Expedition Team will take you ice-cruising and out for landings. There may also be chances to kayak among icebergs, hike in stunning surroundings and even camp on the most remote continent on Earth.



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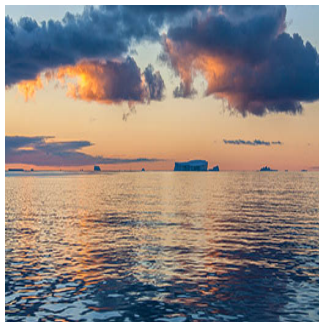
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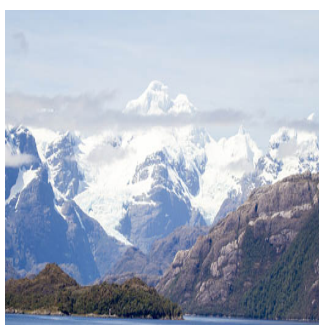
DAY 9: Drake Passage and Cape Horn - Day 9 & 10

MS Roald Amundsen takes us safely back across the famous Drake Passage. We will continue our lecture series and recap our experiences of Antarctica in the Science Center. As we reach South America, we will attempt to land on historic Cape Horn before continuing towards the Chilean fjords.



DAY 11: A Paradise for Nature Lovers

Deep fjords and tall mountains plunging into the icy water await us in magnificent surroundings. This wild and remote area seems almost untouched by humans, full of isolated islands and hidden bays that harbour rich wildlife.



DAY 12: Torres del Paine National Park - Day 12 & 13

Puerto Natales is the gateway to Torres del Paine National Park, world-famous for the `Torres del Paine rock formations. Explore the park on our optional excursion to discover a stunning terrain, from the vast open steppe to rugged mountains topped by looming peaks. This diversity of environments hosts a wide variety of a flora and fauna - llamas, pumas, and foxes in addition to more than 100 species of birds like the Andean condor.



DAY 14: Isolated Beauty

After a cruise through Patagonian waters, the village of Puerto Edén in Bernardo O'Higgins National Park will enchant you. It is known for its geographical isolation, situated at the end of a deep fjord and surrounded by mountains. Its population of 250 includes the 15 remaining members of the Kawéskar people.



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DAY 15: Waters of Patagonia

Our expedition cruise continues north through the fabled waters of Patagonia. As we sail through iconic Andean seascapes, enjoy the vistas of the magnificent natural expanse.



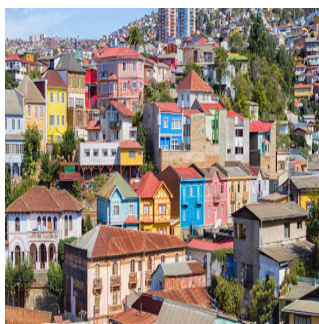
DAY 16: Cosmopolitan Castro

Set among windswept hills and lush vegetation, Castro is known for its colourful 'palafitos', wooden houses mounted on stilts along the water's edge, and the UNESCO Site Iglesia San Francisco. Nearby wide beaches are home to dozens of seabirds, penguins and sea lions.



DAY 17: Sailing North - Day 17 & 18

As we make our way along the Pacific coast to Valparaíso, we will recap the highlights of the expedition cruise and scan for wildlife.



DAY 19: Disembark Valparaíso, Chile

Sadly, every expedition must come to an end. And this expedition ends in the colourful and poetic city of Valparaíso. Take some time to explore this scenic town before your flight home.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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Accommodation	Cabin on board ship
Inclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overnight in Santiago de Chile before the voyage including breakfast • Transfer hotel to airport in Santiago de Chile • Economy flight from Santiago de Chile to Punta Arenas • Transfer airport to ship in Punta Arenas including city tour and lunchbox • Transfer airport to ship including city tour and lunchbox and transfer ship to airport in Punta Arenas • A rich program of included activities on all voyages designed to immerse you in the destinations you visit, including ice-cruising and onshore exploration with the Expedition Team. • Professional Englishspeaking Expedition Team an international handpicked team of highly educated experts of various academic fields with profound knowledge of the region we sail in. • Complimentary wind- and water-resistant jacket. • Loan of boots, trekking poles, and equipment needed for optional and included activities. • All meals including beverages (ship beer and wine, sodas and mineral water in all restaurants) • Coffee and tea included throughout the day. • Early riser and afternoon treat offered in addition to breakfast, lunch and dinner • Gym, hot tubs and panoramic sauna • Free Wi-fi on board for all guests. Be aware that we sail in remote areas with limited connection.
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request, contact us for more details.
Notes	<p>Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.</p> <p>All inclusive package contains return flight from Australia/New Zealand to South America as well as additional days prior to and after your departure. Contact us for more information.</p>
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, season and availability

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SUSTAINABILITY

As a member of IAATO we follow guidelines appointed by the Antarctic Treaty System to go above and beyond in support of minimizing negative impacts on this pristine landscape. We also encourage clients to look to book pre-and post- accommodation with us, where local businesses will be supported. Our clients also receive restaurant recommendations which support locally owned restaurants

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We carefully select all ships we work with and choose smaller sized vessels to create less impact. We use a highly regulated, licensed vessel which is well equipped to operate in the Antarctic's delicate ecosystem. We view the voyage to the Antarctic as an expedition, not a sightseeing trip. Smaller boats such as ours can navigate narrow waterways and are far less polluting than the larger ships in Antarctic waters. By carrying less passengers, we have far less waste. The waste is carried back to the home port to allow for environmentally conscious waste management and disposal.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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